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For Distribution:

Summary description of Safety Meeting HB 4150 Training:

The training will include an overview of HB 4150 with an explanation of requirements for the utilities operating in Texas. It will also include hazard recognition training as it applies to the requirements of compliance with the National Electric Safety Code (NESC). This will include clearance requirements for lands, roadways, and waterways. The employee training will define to whom, when and how the bill applies. As well as explanation of guidelines, requirements, and deadlines for filing reports. A portion of the course will include hazard recognition and an explanation of clearance guideline requirements preparing employees to pro-actively recognize and report hazards and clearance related issues on their utilities' system.

Course Outline:

1. HB 4150 Review
2. Hazard Recognition
3. NESC Clearance Guideline Requirements

Course Materials:

1. Power Point Presentation
2. Presentation Material Handouts
3. NESC Clearance Handouts
4. HB 4150 Law

For Transmission:

Summary description of Hazardous Recognition Training for Transmission Facilities:

PURA §38.102 requires electric utilities including electric cooperatives and municipally owned utilities to provide hazard recognition training related to overhead transmission and distribution facilities. For the purposes of this training, transmission facilities include those electric facilities operating above 60 kV. One of the challenges to recognizing hazards inherent to transmission facilities is the significant changes in conductor sag for transmission lines. The goal for this training is to educate employees to observe, recognize and report hazardous situations.

Course Outline:

1. Definition of a Hazard
2. Hazards to Report
 - a. Non-compliance with NESC
 - b. Failed System Components
 - c. Failure of Warning Lights/Marker Balls
3. Summary of Clearances for Transmission Facilities
4. Recognition of Changes in Conductor Sag for Long Spans
5. Activities near the Line
 - a. Grading
 - b. Crane Operation OSHA 1926.1408(a)
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 - d. Construction of Adjacent Buildings/Signs
6. Right-of-way Issues
 - a. Danger Trees
 - b. Dead Trees
 - c. Erosion of the Right-of-Way
7. Priorities of Reported Issues
8. Record Keeping Requirements Objectives:
 1. Define hazards associated with transmission lines.
 2. Identify appropriate distance for cranes from power lines.
 3. Identify required clearances for transmission line related to roads and buildings.
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2. Provide a summary description of training programs you provide your employees related to the National Electrical Safety Code for construction of electric transmission and distribution lines.

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1. Maximum Operating Temperature and Sag Requirements for Transmission Conductors
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 - b. Elevation above Sea Level
 - c. Electrostatic Effects to Vehicles below the Line.
3. Additional Clearances from Building/Signs
 - a. Deflection of Insulators
 - b. Deflection of Structures
 - c. Clearance Based on Maximum Operating Voltage
 - d. Limited Electrostatic Effects to Buildings and Signs below the Line
4. Mid-span Conductor Clearances
5. Power Lines and Phone Lines Crossing below Transmission Lines
6. Grade of Construction for Voltages Over 22kV
 - a. Guying Strength Requirements
 - b. Under-build Strength Requirements
7. Identification of Climable Supporting Structures Objectives:
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AFFIDAVIT

I swear or affirm that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this report or am relying on people with personal knowledge, that I am competent to testify to them, and that I have the authority to submit this report on behalf of the affected entity. I further swear or affirm that all statements made in this report are true, correct, and complete.

Robert Gandy

Signature

Robert Gandy

Printed Name

Vice President of Engineering

Job Title

Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Name of Affected Entity

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28 day of April, 2020.
Month Year

Sarah Johnson

Notary Public in and For the State of Texas

My commission expires on 02-27-2024

